

The Palais Royal.

HEADQUARTERS FOR FLAGS.

The Flags to wave from the windows of patriotic citizens should measure six feet and be mounted on substantial hand-turned pole, with varnished ball, truck, halyards and socket. Such flags, of sewed bunting and fast colors, generally cost \$2.50 at least. They are here, with all attachments, for..... **\$1.35**

The Flag for Interior Decoration, 39c.

4-foot Flag, on staff, with gilt spear head.

The American Flag is not only the symbol of all that's elevating, but it's a thing of beauty in itself. Why it is not more of a permanent home decoration is a mystery. Like the sunshine, it gladdens our hearts; like our conscience, it whispers encouragement to every good impulse and shame on every bad one. Let the flag greet us with a morning blessing and whisper us an evening prayer. Let it be never taken down.

Our President's Inauguration.

Milady remarks: "Why not secure my new costume now? It will be needed shortly anyway." And so it is the Palais Royal is being besieged and the prophecy can be made that Washington women will be among the great attractions of the coming great occasion.

New Silk Suits, \$10.00.

New Cloth Jackets, \$5.98.

The Suits are made of best taffeta silk, in plain colors, checks and stripes; the style is the very latest and seems to appeal to every lady of refined and cultivated taste. The jackets are of cheviot and covert, correct new 26-inch length, loose front, tight-fitting back, satin lined. All sizes, in black and tan.

New Silk Waists, \$2.69.

New Walking Skirts, \$5.98.

The Waists are China silk, tailor-made effects, with deep pleats front and tucks at back. All sizes in black and white. \$2.69—but worth \$3.98. The Skirts are made of storm serge, Panama cloth, cheviot and voile, in all the new styles for all figures. Infinitely better than \$5 skirts, as good as most \$7.50 garments, for only \$5.98.

Attractively New Hats and Parasols.

A price surprise—\$5.50 for best Black Chiffon Hats in styles to suit milady's every phase. A greater surprise—\$2.25 for Straw Braid Hats in all colors, with new trimmings of bow ribbons. The Parasols range in prices from \$2 to \$20, and vary in style from the newly flat Japanese to the rounded canopy effect.

Milady's Lingerie, 11c to \$5.98.

Sample Garments Worth Up to \$10.



They are the samples used in the New York office and by the ten drummers of a leading maker of fine lingerie. They come to the Palais Royal and go to its patrons at nominal prices. Those at 11c, 23c, 33c, 44c, 69c and 84c will be placed on first floor tables; those at \$1.29 to \$5.98 on third floor. Note that only gowns are illustrated—but that Skirts, Corset Covers, Chemises and Drawers are here. It's the year's fleeting opportunity for best of bargains.

5,000 Non-Sagging Cots at 88c Each.

5,000 Mattress Pads, 77c.

Special prices—only for above-mentioned quantities. The Cots are superior, with band supports to prevent sagging and breaking, the kind generally at \$1.25; the pads, of extra thickness, are usually judged worth \$1.50. Not less in the interests of patrons than our own—we warn people to avoid the trashy goods that always flood Washington on occasions like the present. Cots that break down, rock-like mattresses and other miseries can and should be avoided.

Beds Complete for Only \$6.25.

1,250 Brass-trimmed White Enameled Iron Beds; all sizes, with woven-wire springs, mattress and one pair feather pillows. See samples on fourth floor. The following are on second floor:

Pillows, 49c.

10,000 of these Pillows, filled with nothing but best feathers and covered with best A. C. A. ticking. Best of 75c Pillows for only 49c.

Sheets, 44c.

20,000 full-size Sheets, 81x90 inches; hand torn, hemmed and ironed, ready for use. 59c is a fair price for such sheets.

Cases, 8c.

20,000 Pillow Cases ready for use. They measure 45x36 inches. 8c is less than the material can be bought for.

Comforts, 77c.

1,500 Double-bed Size Comforts, filled with pure white cotton; covered with silkoline in art designs and colors—\$1 Comforts for 77c.

Note that Cot Size Comforts are 69c and Blankets only 69c a pair. Also observe that Double-bed Size Blankets, full size and heavy weight, are 88c instead of \$1.50 a pair. Warning—the comforts at 77c are selling furiously.

1,000 Chamber Sets at 69c.

500 Washstand Sets, 98c.

The Chamber Sets at 69c comprise full size China Toilet Pitcher, Basin, Chamber and Soap Dish. The Wash Sets at 98c include iron washstand, with pitcher, basin, soap dish and towel rack.

Tea or Breakfast Sets, \$1.69.

Forty-three full-size pieces, which include cups, saucers, plates, meat and vegetable dishes, butter dish, etc.; ample pieces for six people to breakfast or tea—or a lesser number to dinner and tea. Basement floor.

Reliable and Half Price

Guaranteed "Apollo" Silver—replated free of charge if wear proves unsatisfactory. Half price—only because in 1904 patterns.

98c.

\$1.98

\$4.98

Some Worth \$2. Some Worth \$3. Some Worth \$10.

In the lots at 98c and \$1.98 for choice are Berry Bowls, Waiters, Baking Dishes, Ice Tubs, Chocolate Pots, Tea Pots, Cake Baskets, Bread Trays, Claret Jugs, Butter Dishes, Bonbons, Sugars, Creamers, Syrups and Trays, Crumb Trays and Crumb Scrapers. In the lot at \$4.98 are Tea and Coffee Sets, Candelabra and other elaborate pieces worth up to \$10.



Spoons.

6 for 18c.

6 for 44c.

6 for 75c.

Those at 18c are ordinary silver-plated; those at 44c are the famous "W. R." brand; those at 75c are William R. Rogers' "Hanover A1." Good, better and best Spoons, Forks, Knives, Sugar Tongs and Shells, Soup, Cream and Gravy Ladles, at lowest prices on record.

Palais Royal, A. Lisner, G & 11th Sts.

NIEMEYER'S DENIAL

Answer to Charges Made by
Royal Benefit Society.

ALLEGED COLLUSION

ACCUSATION DECLARED TO HAVE
BEEN UNWARRANTED.

Superintendent Drake, Against Whom
Charges Were Filed, Asks for
an Early Hearing.

One of the important developments today in connection with the charges preferred by the Royal Benefit Society against Superintendent Thomas E. Drake of the District Insurance department was the denial by Ernest F. Niemeyer, a former employee of the society, of any collusion between himself and Superintendent Drake, or of any improper business agreement between the two, as was intimated in the alleged affidavit purporting to have been made by Henry J. Green, which was called to the attention of the Commissioners several days ago. Mr. Niemeyer, who lives in Brookland, presented his denial to the Commissioners in a written statement shortly after noon today.

In addition to denying the statements alleged to have been made by him, Mr. Niemeyer declares that the affidavit misrepresents his attitude in the matter. He also propounds several questions concerning the business history of the society, which are considered as suggesting that the Commissioners would hold a board session today and determine the question as to whether a public hearing will be granted on the Drake charges, or whether the Commissioners will settle the matter from written statements and affidavits. Up to a late hour this afternoon the Commissioners had not conferred on the matter, and they will probably not decide the question until late this evening or tomorrow. Superintendent Drake today in a communication requested that the hearing of the charges against him be had at the very earliest date practicable. He said that within a day or two he will submit his formal answer to the charges of the Royal Benefit Society.

Mr. Niemeyer's Statement.

The written statement of Ernest F. Niemeyer, submitted to the Commissioners this afternoon, is as follows:

"There appeared in the public press a copy of an alleged affidavit, in connection with the charges brought against the superintendent of insurance, Mr. Thomas E. Drake, by the Royal Benefit Society.

"This alleged affidavit entirely misrepresents my attitude.

"Having been connected with the Royal Benefit Society from its beginning, knowing its methods of conducting the business and knowing the requirements of the law under which its charter was obtained, I did say to one Henry J. Green that the society would never be able to obtain a license from the insurance department of the District of Columbia.

"In this connection the following may be of interest to you: I have stated that my only desire was to have the members and representatives, not during the business and the annual meeting, in order that I would be enabled to lay before them the true condition of the affairs of the society, made it distinctly understood at that time, to Green, that should the representatives of the members desire me to remain with the society and effect its reorganization, I would do so only upon condition that none of those then in active management would be retained, but that I did not care whether I would be retained. At that time and on several other occasions I distinctly stated that my only object and desire was to have the true condition of affairs brought before the members, in order that they may take proper steps to safeguard the interest of the society.

Asks a Question.

"You will note in the published complaints, there appears to be an extract of a report of the examiner for the insurance department of the state of Tennessee, made in June or July, 1902. Why did they only give out part of that report, and why did they fail to state that the department of Tennessee refused to issue a license to the society after the examination, although previous to 1902 licenses had been issued to them? Why is it that the department of Illinois steadfastly refused to issue a license to the society with qualifying documents, although on several occasions the society has employed an attorney to secure the same?

"The insurance department of Illinois made an examination of the society on or about June 1, 1903, and its subsequent action was based upon the result of that investigation.

Prompt Hearing Requested.

In requesting that the hearing on the charges be held as soon as possible, Superintendent Drake, says, in part:

"It is entirely obvious that there is no disputed fact to be established by any absent witness, and it is expressly apparent from the charges and other communications, that all the evidence, documentary and otherwise, is in the possession of the society, or is readily available to the public. All that has been written, it is apparent that time is not required for learning the facts in preparing his case. On the other hand, the pending of these charges is necessarily an interruption to and an interference with the business of this office. I have, therefore, to urge as speedily a hearing as is possible. Such charges as these are not supposed to be presented until the party making them is ready to prove them.

"This society will undoubtedly be represented by counsel, and I assume that the corporation counsel, A. B. Duvall, will appear for me. In that case, I suggest that he be notified in order that I may put him in possession of all the facts."

Drake Must Show Cause.

In connection with the petition of the Royal Benefit Society for a writ of mandamus to compel Thomas E. Drake, the District's superintendent of insurance, to cancel a license issued by him to the Puritan Life Insurance Association, Justice Barnard of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia today signed an order compelling Superintendent Drake to show cause the 10th of March why the prayers of the petitioner should not be granted.

Superintendent Drake's Reply.

Superintendent Drake submitted a brief reply to the charges to the Commissioners late Saturday evening. "In general," says Mr. Drake in his answer, "I say as to each and every charge, and whether expressly stated or by implication charging any wrongdoing, saying, or intention, they are, and each is, absolutely false. I am quite ready to meet Mr. Penington and his associates in any and every charge, and, in such case, the motive and purposes of these charges may appear." Continuing, Mr. Drake says:

"This society complains that its business has been damaged through my action in writing to insurance commissioners of certain states in regard to having refused to issue a license. The refusal of license to the society was based principally on the fact that it had not complied with the law in regard to having a representative form of government and lodge system, with ritualistic form of work."

"After considerable correspondence and hearings on the question the matter was finally referred by the Commissioners to A.

DOUBLY ATTRACTIVE SHOE-EVENTS

At HAHN'S During Inauguration Week.

ANY new Spring Shoes are on Sale this week—and the way they're being admired by everybody—both for their Style and Worthfulness—fully justifies us in the belief that the great army of "HAHN SHOE" Wearers will be doubled this Season.

Besides — unprecedented Price Reductions will make short work on remaining Winter Shoes.

NEW SPRING SHOES

—A FEW ADVANCE STYLES—

"WASHINGTON BELLE" \$2
Women's Low Shoes

Stylishly made Hand-sewed, Welted and Turn Plain or Tipped Blucher and Oxford Types. In Patent Coll, best, Vici Kid, or Tan Russia. Good enough to sell at \$3. 12 hand-some new styles already on sale, at...

"WI-MO-DAU-SIS" \$3
WOMEN'S BOOTS

The popularity of these famous Shoes increases from day to day, because they fit, look, wear, and feel better than any other Shoes sold at the price.

20 styles of Boots at\$3.00
15 styles of Low Shoes at\$2.50

Swell Patent Leather Oxfords

For Men and Women

Over 20 new spring styles have arrived. Prices.....\$2.00 to \$3.50

The "Bend-Easy" \$5 Shoes

For Men and Women

Are worth four times their cost for the comfort they give the feet. They're heavy-soled Shoes, with our patented "BEND-EASY" Soles, making them as flexible and easy as soft House Slippers.

Our Great \$1.95 Sale

Of Women's \$3.50 "RED ROSE" and \$3 "GOLD-BRAND" Boots will continue but a short time longer. This lot of excellent new Spring Boots was secured at a big price concession, and many prudent buyers are reaping the benefit of our lucky purchase.

WM. HAHN & CO.'S Cor. 7th and K Sts.
1914 & 1916 Pa. Ave.
233 Pa. Ave. S. E.
3 Reliable Shoe Houses,

Argument is not necessary to convince you of the money-saving opportunities of this sale of

Inauguration Needs.

BEDDING SALE.
Band-Supported Woven-Wire Cots, 98c.
A Folding, Hardwood Frame, Double Weave Band-Supported Cot, worth \$1.50, for 98c.
Cot Mattresses, 95c.
Soft, Easy Rolling Cot Mattress, good tick, button tufted, well made and filled; regularly \$2.50. Special, 95c.
Woven-Wire Springs & Mattresses.
Hardwood frame, double weave, band and helical spring supported, woven wire spring. Special.....\$1.69
All-iron frame, spring pipe iron sides, closely woven, well supported, and strictly sanitary. Special.....\$3.49
Cotton Top Mattresses, straw filling, good ticking and well made. Special value.....\$1.95
Combination Felt and Fiber Mattress, fiber center, with heavy covering of felt, fiber and ticking, and finely made. Special price.....\$5.48

This Heavy Colonial Style Iron Bed, white, blue, or green enamel, fancy moldings, trimmed with gold, handsome design; worth \$10.00. Special.....\$6.89
A White Enamel Iron Bed—brass rails, knobs, and trimmings; high head board, extended foot board; strong and well finished. Special price.....\$3.99
A Heavy White Enamel Iron Bed, brass knobs, high head and foot board; strong and well finished. Special.....\$2.98
A White Enamel Iron Bed, three-quarters or full size; strong, well made and finished. Special.....\$1.29

Oak Frame, Button Tufted Couch, velvet upholstery; full set springs and well upholstered; worth \$5.50. Special.....\$6.79
Handsome Ye Ve Velour Upholstered Couch, oak frame, spring edge, nicely upholstered; made worth \$15.00. Special.....\$11.25

Solid Oak Sideboard, nicely carved, French beveled plate glass, three drawers and large cupboard; worth \$16.00. Special.....\$8.95

This Quartered Oak Dining Room Table, five massive fluted legs, claw feet, handsomely finished and made; worth \$18.00. Special price.....\$12.25
A Solid Oak Dining Room Table, six feet long, five heavy legs, and strongly \$3.89
Solid Oak Cluster Leg Dining Room Table, six feet long, six heavy legs, well made and finished; worth \$8. Special \$5.69

Five-piece Parlor Suite, carved frame, upholstered in fancy damask, well made and finished. Special price.....\$12.95
Five-piece Parlor Suite, prettily carved frame, upholstered in silk damask, good construction and finish. Special \$24.95
Five-piece Parlor Suite, spring edge, prettily carved frame, upholstered in green velvet, four, good construction; worth \$30.00. Special.....\$29.69

Mayer & Co., 415-417 7th St.

B. Duvall, corporation counsel. It was contended, among other points, by Henry E. Davis, attorney for the society, that it was entitled to a permit to transact business as a matter of course, and that it was a mere ministerial duty of the superintendent of insurance to issue the license. The attorney for the society through its attorney at that time. The society has made so many false statements in its bill of complaint to you that the society and its attorney have always considered that it required a license by applying for and receiving one from the assessor, and also making three separate and distinct applications to this department.

According to Requirement.

"Then, as to the charge that I notified other departments, it is the almost, if not the uniform requirement of every state that an insurance company of another place seeking to do business there must show that it is licensed to do business in its home state or district. In some of the states where this society was doing business or had applied for a license, this question of its being licensed in its home district was presented, and there became an understanding with this department that, pending the decision of this question here, this society would be permitted to do business there; and they would be notified of the decision. Accordingly, after the decision was reached, I notified the departments of the states where the society was doing business solely because I deemed it my duty, in good faith, to do so. And in this view I was sustained by the assistant corporation counsel.

"My attention is called to an affidavit that Mr. Niemeyer had made some statements as to what would be done to this Royal Benefit Society in case he was not made its manager. Whatever, if anything, Mr. Niemeyer may have said in this direction, nothing of the kind was ever authorized, inspired or warranted by me, or by anything I have ever said or done. I have never said, or intimated, that any steps or proceedings would be taken against this society, nor authorized any one else to say so. My first knowledge of anything of the kind was obtained from this affidavit. Nor has there ever been the least collusion, conspiracy or agreement of any kind between Mr. Niemeyer and myself. Nor is there any word of truth in the statement, or insinuation, that I ever had any lot or part in any attempt of Mr. Niemeyer to sell any interest in or of that society to a New York concern, or that I ever had the least knowledge of such attempt or intention. I never knew or heard of anything of the kind until I saw it in the statement here."

Mr. Drake declares that he has never

intimated that any steps would be taken or had been thought of to have a receiver for the society. "On the contrary," he says, "whenever there was occasion, I have invariably said that its financial condition was sound and all right."

DECLINES TO ISSUE ORDER.

Court Sustains Claim for Attorney's Fees in Chickasaw Case.

Justice Anderson, in Equity Court No. 1, late Saturday, refused to issue an order asked for by Richard McElish, a Chickasaw Indian, and others against the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of the Interior and the United States treasurer to restrain the government from paying \$750,000 claimed by Mansfield, McMurray and Cornish, attorneys, for legal services in connection with the recovery of Indian lands from illegal claimants under an award of the fee to them by the Choctaw and Chickasaw citizenship court.

Justice Anderson held that the citizenship court was a constitutionally created tribunal; that it had ample jurisdiction in the matter of the award of compensation to the attorneys, and that the court was given power under the act creating it to finally determine the question. The court remarked that while the reasonableness of the fee was not for him to determine, yet if he had been called on to pass upon it he would say that it was not unreasonable, in view of the services rendered.